IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application, Applicant elects: Group II with traverse.

The subject matter of the Groups I and III incorporates the subject matter of the elected group. If the Examiner does not withdraw this restriction requirement, Applicant submits that allowance of the subject matter of the Group II necessarily requires allowance of the subject matter of Groups I and III.

Respectfully submitted,

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